

Today's
Advertisements.THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

PROFESSOR MEROK,
Ex-Professor at the Conservatoire d'Hautbois,
Finland, and Cello Soloist at the
ROYAL OPERA, BRUXELLES,
will give a
GRAND CONCERT,
TONIGHT
(SATURDAY), the 18th December,
Assisted by Local Artists.

PROGRAMME.

1. Adagio and Allegro.....V. Hebert.
For Violoncello and Piano.
2. a. Good Night.....Bischoff.
b. The Gay Gypsy.....Harris.
Mrs. Jewell.
3. Clarinet Solo.....La Traviata.....Verdi.
Mr. W. G. Bentley.
4. a. Berceuse.....Godard.
b. Serenade.....Pierce.
Professor Merok.

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

1. Trio (Andante and Allegro).....Bethoven.
For Violin, Violoncello and Piano.
2. a. Romance.....Sitt.
b. Vio (Spanish Dance).....D. Popper.
Professor Merok.
3. Song.....Serenata.....Braga.
Mrs. Jewell.
4. Clarinet Solo, "Shadow Dance"
(Oboe).....Meyersberg.
Mr. W. G. Bentley.
5. a. Saraband Lento.....D. Popper.
b. Chanson Napolitaine.....Casella.
c. Tarantella.....D. Popper.

Admission, 2s & 1s.
Plan at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s
Music Warehouse,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1866]

THE DAIRY FARM & CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the COMPANY
will be in a position to resume business
in a few days. All Orders should be forwarded
at once.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1874]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA,"
Captain Hodgkin, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1870]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAI TAN,"
Captain Rosch, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, at
Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1875]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHUSAN,"
Captain K. Street, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 30th
December, at Noon, taking Passengers and
Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
ing direct to Marseilles and London.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
p.m. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1875]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHIPPIERS.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGWU,"

Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed at their risk into the Godowns

of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and

Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery

may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be

sent to the Office of the Underwriter before

noon on the 25th instant or they will not be

recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at

3 p.m.

No fire Insurance has been effected, and any

Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th

instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1877]

Today's
Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THE Underlined will sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
WEDNESDAY, the 22nd December, 1897,
Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his Auction Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2,
A COLLECTION OF
FINE JAPANESE CURIOS AND SILKS
Comprising—
CLOISONNE VASES AND PLATES, FINE
SATSUMA AND KOTO VASES, BRONZES,
SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS, BED
COVERS, TABLE COVERS, GONGS,
BELLS, FIRE SCREENS &c., &c., &c.
JAPANESE CARPETS, JAPANESE TOYS.

A few fine AMERICAN STANDARD
LAMPS with Rochester Burners and Silk
Shades.
On View from TUESDAY, the 21st December,
1897.
TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.
PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1876]

POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBITION

during the Christmas Season
Commencing on
MONDAY, the 20th December, 1897.

THE attention of Collectors and others is
specially directed to the
EXHIBITION OF POST-
AGE STAMPS
of all kinds at the stall of
Messrs. GRAE & CO.

HONGKONG HOTEL CORRIDOR
Rare Colonial, Foreign and China Provincial
Postage Stamps in used and unused
condition.

XMAS 1897 NOVELTY
Cheap Philatelic Packets containing a varied
assortment of Postage Stamps for
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1873]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPIERS.

STEAMSHIP "BRAEMAR,"

FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE
AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Con-

signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signa-

ture, and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be loaded and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1874]

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &

COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are

made under the constant supervision of a duly

qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S
and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [1866]

XMAS SPECIALITIES

XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS in
various DESIGNS, CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE
CREMES in Fancy Boxes of various
kinds.

CALLARD and BOWSER'S ASSORTED
TOFFEE'S AND BUTTER SCOTCH, TOM
SMITH'S and BATHGERS XMAS CRAC-
KERS, COMPAGNIE FRANCAISE FANCY
SWEETS of various kinds.

XMAS CAKES, XMAS PLUM PUDDING,
RAISINS and MINCE MEAT, ASSORTED
KINDS of NUTS, &c., &c.

10 PER CENT FOR CASH

H. RUTTONJEE,
13, D'AGUIER STREET, Hongkong,
and
18 & 19, High Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1897. [1872]

TAKE NOTE
It is UNIVERSALLY ADMITTED THAT
TO indicate the exact use of words, no
Dictionary can compare with the New
Edition of
WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY.

At the Office of the Hongkong Telegraph you
can see and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy
of the *Webster's Dictionary*, the latest and most
complete issued that *Laborer's* edition.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London
House, bought direct at first hand, imported in
wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all
intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply
the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are
not artificially made from raisins and
currants, as is generally the case with Cheap
Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brand-
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorised Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [1876]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are told "It is not right to say that the
years' service, one little slip should be over-
looked." It is not one slip, but a succession
of them; and not little. We dislike to be
hard on anybody; but what is utterly
wrong must be altered, and Mr. Bowdler
set his face against improvement so
resolutely that there was no help for it but
to be severe. As far back as 1894, the
Reclamation works had choked up the big
Wing Lok Street main sewer, at the end
of Boham Strand, and all complaints
were officially contradicted for a very long
time. Then the plague broke out just
there; we do not go so far as to say it was
solely Mr. Bowdler's fault; the plague
ever came to Hongkong, but we do say
there was no plague known in the Colony
until after the Reclamation people had
commenced blocking sewers and flatly
denying the fact; and we do say the
ravages of the plague were first and worst
near that Wing Lok Street drain. Incred-
ible as it will seem to Mr. Oxbury,
even that terrible lesson had no effect
on the then Director of Public Works
and his Special Reclamation Engineer;
for the S.E.R. continued stopping the out-
lets of sewers not yet entirely disused,
and the D.P.W. continued ignoring complaints
or giving them the lie direct. Mr. Oxbury
will get some idea what sort of thing he
has come to take over, if he turns up the
records of the drain near Sassoon's offices
at the corner of Ice House Lane. What
would HERCULES have done with an official
report saying the Augean Stables did not
smell? Or saying that there was no
such place in existence?

We fail to see why Mr. Bowdler got no
Roxburgh Jubilee Medal; it was his Recla-
mation that the Colony jubilated on.
Instead of gold or silver, he should have
a medal of more appropriate kind. Some of
the smells from his choked-up drains have
been thick enough and hard enough to
mould into medals; but the difficulty would
be to drill a hole through, for the ribbon.
As for Mr. Cooper, it is a pity he left the
Colony before this medal-scramble—or
rather, let us not deplore his leaving; but
say it is a pity the medals were not distrib-
uted earlier. He thoroughly deserved a
penny medal. Or bog-oak.

H.E. the Governor is not the only one
who makes a mess of recognising
public services voluntarily rendered.
Let us give him full justice—he is not so
clumsy but that a clunker can be found.
For example, how would it be if each of
the Jubilee Medallists had been given, say,
two or three dollars (less 17½ p. cent.
military contribution) to buy himself a
medal at a shop where he could
select his own design? Or how would
Mr. Francis, Q.C., have enjoyed getting a
cheque for the price of his inkpot, "with
compliments, E. & O. E." Yet that is
just how the chief officer of the *Hobbs*
was thanked for what he did at the Regatta,
when that vessel was kindly lent for use as
flagship of the Victoria Recreation Club.
The Y.R.C. sent the poor man \$200 per-

haps he was badly needing a new
nether garment, or a few shirts, and the
\$200 would come in handy. The Club
couldn't manage a whole suit of clothes for
him. The haughty man sent the
money back, with a noble selfishness
like that of Sir PHILIP SYDNEY at the
Battle of Zutphen, when a cup of
water was handed to him by a wounded
man, and he gave it back saying
"Thy need is greater than mine." [Sir
Philip was not a water-drinker.] So likewise
the chief officer of the *Hobbs*
sent back the \$200, in the evident
belief that it could be ill spared by the
Y.R.C.

At the next Regatta, we would sug-
gest that the lady who presents the
"Ladies' Prize" be not again handed an
extravagant and perishable bunch of
flowers, but let her have the fifty cents.
It is a great idea for simplifying
matters, and it can be used in other cases.
It is susceptible of universal application.
At Christmas, instead of sending hand-
painted cards or Raphael Tuck's
specimens of oleophotolithography, send
out to all relatives and friends so much in
stamps or Post Office Orders, and let them
please themselves. Bulky presents cost a
lot in freights, which profit the addressees
nothing; let sweethearts and wives "take
the upence instead," like the gentleman
who wouldn't take a whisky.

Our evening contemporary speaks of the
Supreme Court being adjourned "be-
cause Mr. FRANCIS' feet were cold." We
do not know about that, but we know he
is sometimes hot-headed. This is a new
variation of the old maxim "A cold hand
and a warm heart."

There has been considerable complaint
against the Chinese Telegraph Adminis-
tration in the North, for habitually delay-
ing the transmission of ordinary messages,
for the purpose of driving people to pay
"urgent" fees. In excellent contrast, we
note that a telegram from our Shanghai
correspondent to-day was handed in at
the Shanghai office of the Joint Cable
Companies at 2.25 p.m. and was sent to
us from the Hongkong office at 2.40 p.m.
—14 minutes for some 800 miles.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

TALK OF DECLARING WAR.

("HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.)

SHANGHAI, December 18th.

There is no authentic news of the Kia-
chow affair, but plenty of *canards* are
flying about. According to one story, it
is reported that Li Hung-chang strongly
opposes the views of Prince Kung, and
wishes the immediate suspension of negotia-
tions. Another story says that the
war if Kiachow is not immediately
evacuated. In my opinion this is utterly
untrue.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE CAREW CASE.

LONDON, December 16th.

Sir Matthew Ridley, the Home Secretary, has
directed that Mr. Carew shall undergo his life
sentence in Aylesbury Convict prison.

CRICKET.

The Australian eleven are all out (and looking)
for 408 runs.

THE RECENT FIRE AT CRIPPLEGATE.

At the enquiry on the recent disastrous fire at
Cripplegate a witness proved that the outbreak
occurred in two places simultaneously in Waller
and Brown's show-rooms. The Solicitor for the
City stated it was clearly not accidental.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.25 per £.

NOMINATIONS for the Hongkong Derby closed
to-day.H.M.S. *Peacock* arrived here yesterday from
Swatow.The returns of the number of visitors to the City
Hall Museum for the week ended Dec. 12th
are—Europeans, 149; Chinese, 2,305; total
2,454.The Captain of the German mail liner *Prinz
Hartwig* was today fined \$10 for unloading
explosives without first having reported to the
Harbour Office.Large flights of locusts have recently passed
over the Katal district, Central India. This
visitation is particularly deplorable this year, as
it is the first season that the agriculturists have
had good crops for many years, and the locusts
caused damage in many places.The Band of the West Yorks Regiment will play
the following programme at the Officers' Mess
to-morrow evening—
1. *Overture*....."Flora Bencia".....Grove
2. *Polka*....."Lorelei".....Verdi
3. *March*....."The Merry Dancers".....Schubert
4. *Selection*....."Kismet".....Grieg
God save the Queen.Inspector BUTLIN was instrumental in sending
a Chinaman up for 12 months to-day for returning
from banishment. The prisoner was found in
the cattle quarters at Delmar, at Yuenai in the
night enjoying himself. He has several
previous convictions, and said he only came to
the colony to get work.The Taikeo Club will give a dance at Quarry
Bay on Christmas night, when all the members
and their numerous friends in the town will,
we feel sure, have an exceedingly pleasant evening.
Like most things associated with the name of
Taikeo—ships, sports, &c.—the Club and
its members do not indulge much in "fills."
Nothing is so genuine and substantial as
the Taikeo, but they are of sterling quality.

THE Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's race for
Captain Phillips' prize was sailed to-day
at 2 p.m. The course was from Meyers
W. at Buoy (port), round Kowloon Rock (star-
board), Meyers' East Buoy (port) and Channel
Rocks (port). Boats 4, 5, 6 and 8 sailed in 2
1/2 minutes, and 7 in 3 minutes.

THE Commander of China Merchants' steamer
Fuzhou, which arrived here this morning from
Shanghai, reports that he sighted H.M.S. *Cow-
turton* and another British warship (probably
the *Spargento*) off Plover Point, bound north.
He also reports that he experienced strong N.E.
monsoon, with high sea and thick rainy weather,
so it would appear that the flagships is having a
rough time of it on her northern course.

The Legislative Council will meet on Monday,
20th December, at 3 p.m. Business.—1. Report
of the Finance Committee. (No. 12.) 2. Reso-
lution, Hon. Harbour Master. Orders of the
day. 1. First reading of a Bill entitled An
Ordinance for the Naturalization of Wong
Chau-yan, alias Wong Man, alias Wong Sun-lo.
2. First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance
for the more effectual Punishment of Bribery
and certain other Misdemeanors.

On Monday afternoon, at Happy Valley, the
Hongkong Football Club will play the West
Yorkshire Regiment under Association rules.
The kick-off will be at 4.30 p.m. Club in white;
Regiment in usual colours. The Club will be
represented by—P. C. Davies, R.A., goal;
W. D. Mayson and C. T. Kew, backs; H. W.
Slade, H. W. Looker (Captain) and F. H. Kew,
forwards; E. F. McKay, H. S. Mobley, H. K. R.,
A. E. M. Head, R.A., J. F. Noble and E. R.
Morris, forwards.

A BARRACKED day light burglar got a well
deserved six months' hard at the Magistrate's
to-day for burglary. He left his native village
of Wong-nai-chung and was caught red-handed,
with \$26 worth of clothing and other articles in a
house at Temple Street, Yuenai, at 1 p.m. a
couple of days ago. One of Inspector Butlin's
Chinese detectives landed the thief, who made
the lame defence that the property was his own.
Mr. Woodhouse fixed the burglar up as being
worth six months' hard labour and the culprit
was led out by the queue of course.

MESSRS. GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co. have cour-
teously sent us the 1898 calendar of the Scottish
Union and National Insurance Co., established
1824. This is one of the soundest insurance com-
panies in the world, as may be seen from the
fact that, whenever any insurance company
publishes a list putting itself at the head of the
world, it usually puts the Scottish Union and
National next or very close to it; like the Greeks
after Salamis, when they all awarded a second prize
for bravery to Themistocles. This Company's
accumulated funds amount to £4,000,000,
capital £6,000,000, claims paid over 125 millions
pounds sterling and annual income over
£1,000,000. The head office is in Edinburgh
and it has branches all over the face of the globe.

As yesterday an excited officer searched
the premises of a Chinese merchant at No 78
Praya Central. The proprietor was at the
Theatre and the officer had the run of the place,
and ransacked all the drawers. Some opium
dross was found, and the "boss," who had been
sent for, was told he had better bring some
money to bail himself out. He went to one
of the drawers which the officer had visited and
declared that a \$50 bill was missing. P. C.
Woolley who arrived on the scene had a search
made of the entire office, a *jeu* assisting him.
The latter found a bill for the sum up the excise-
man's sleeve and to-day he was sentenced to 6
months' hard labour. The constable stated that
the money might have been "rigged" by the
officer and Mr. Spooner says that he had been
in the laund's employ for between five and six
years. Verily the Asiatic way is like sundry
greater things, inevitable.

In view of the approaching race-meeting this
year, from *Sport and Gossip* of the 12th inst.,
should be found interesting.—If they like 'em,
when they see 'em, they can have 'em. Mr.
George Dallas felt by the *Whang* on Friday
morning with eight tried gaffs for Hongkong,
all of which, with one exception, have been pur-
chased since the Autumn Meeting. Their times
for 11-miles, show, on, have ranged between
2.48 and 2.51. *Turkey* and *Dogwood* were
also left by the same steamer, and I believe five
ponies which are to carry the Blue and Silver
colours. The one thousand and two gvy, who did
his 12-mile in 3.15 is to follow later on with
Muffy, the Tipton long distance crack.
Langh, who won the Criterion Stakes at the
last Meeting, has been bought by Messrs. Toog
and Burt for the sum of £15,000 and is to make
his next appearance at the coming Meeting in
Hongkong.—We understand that Mr. Dallas
is to be sold at auction by Messrs. Hughes
and Hoagh next week. The subscription
graffins which arrived by the steamer
Whang were drawn for on Tuesday after-
noon at Kennedy's Causeway Bay stables
by the following gentlemen—Messrs. D. Gilles,
G. H. Potts, Smith, R. M. Gray, J. J. Bell-
livering (J.), J. May, J. Geve, G. D. Boenlog, R.
H. Bruce, C. Reumann, and H. N. Mody.

The Marine Insurance Co. Ltd., Hongkong
agent Mr. H. A. Ritchie, issues for 1898 a useful
and we must add a very ornamental blotting
book of convenient size for desk or bureau use.
On the covers are handsome pictures, one of the
P. & O. boat *Calliope* just leaving Gibraltar,
and the other a pretty view of Madras, with
calendar for the year, and no doubt it will be
appreciated alike by the men who toil and slave
in offices and by ladies who have nothing to do
but drink tea and write notes. The Marine has
its head office at 20 Old Broad Street, London,
and the Hongkong Office is in Praya Central.
One of its features which is especially useful in
this colony is the issue of policies on shipments
of goods, parcels, post, registered letters, personal
effects of travellers and similar constant require-
ments in places like Hongkong. An easy and
convenient method whereby people, apart from
the business of a great mercantile house,
can insure little things sent home to friends
and relatives, will go a long way to relieve one

